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APPARATUS USING THE SAME)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,072,244
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,115,256
- (3) Europe 0 319 241
- (4) Europe 0 666 685

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. Application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated May 24, 2002, is also enclosed.

The other documents listed in the European Search Report were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 4, 2002, and are therefore not included in this Information Disclosure Statement.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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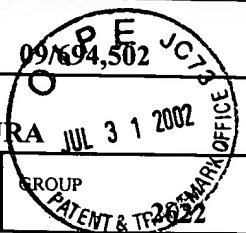
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		5,072,244	12/10/91	Aoki, et al.	346	160	
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